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November 29, 2003 (JST)
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched the H-IIA Launch Vehicle No 6 (H-IIA F6) with the information gathering satellite #2 (IGS) onboard from the Tanegashima Space Center at 13:33 on November 29, 2003 (Japan Standard Time). However, the vehicle failed to jettison one of its two Solid Rocket Boosters (SRB-As). H-IIA F6 was consequently destroyed by a destruction command from the ground at 13:43:53 as the vehicle did not gain enough height and speed due to the failure.

JAXA has established an accident investigation team led by President Yamanouchi and is investigating the cause of the accident. JAXA will provide additional information when it becomes available.

H-IIA F6 Accident Investigation Team

IGS #2/H-IIA F6 accident investigation teamx

Team Director : President of JAXA

Team Leader (and Active Director) : Vice President of JAXA

Special Assistant to the Director : Executive Directors Yoshikawa, Higuchi, Yamamoto, Mito, Furuhashi, Toda, and Tsuruta
Associate Executive Directors Inada, Takagi, Tomizawa, Katagi, Watanabe, Horikawa, Saki, and Matogawa
Technical Counselors Kobayashi and Shibato

Cause Investigation Team

Leader : Executive Director Mito

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